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1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED HENRY CONWAY OF INTRUSCO WILL BE PRESENT AT CARACAS CONFERENCE FOR PART OF SESSION. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF TODAY, HE CONFIRMED THIS AND SAID HIS COMPANY WILL HAVE PANEL OF EXPERTS PRESENT AT ALL TIMES FOR ADVISING GOL DELEGATION. AMONG THOSE WHO WILL BE IN CARACAS AT VARIOUS TIMES IN ADDITION TO CONWAY ARE PAT FARRELL, YOUNG AMERICAN LAWYER WORKING HERE; FRED T. LEININGER, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF MARITIME AFFAIRS, INTRUSCO, NEW YORK (FORMER US DEPT STATE EMPLOYEE WHO IN MANY WAYS IS MAJOR FACTOR IN DETERMINING LIBERIAN MARITIME POLICY); (FNU) WISWELL, LEGAL EXPERT FROM NEW YORK OFFICE: AND (FNU) BECKER, FORMER PARTNER WITH MUDGE, ROSE, GUTHRIE LAW FIRM IN WASHINGTON. ALL ARE HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND FAMILIAR WITH LIBERIAN INTERESTS THIS SUBJECT.

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2. CONWAY EXPRESSED DISMAY, IN WHICH WE CONCUR, AT LACK OF

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PREPARATION ON PART GOL FOR CONFERENCE. WE UNAWARE WHO WILL LEAD DEL ALTHOUGH HE HAS HEARD NAMES OF ANGIE BROOKS-RANDOLPH AND EMMET HARMON SUGGESTED INFORMALLY. ATTORNEY GENERAL SIMPSON TOLD EMBOFF ON FRIDAY SOLICITOR GENERAL ROLAND BARNES AND MINJUSTICE LAWYER BEN COLLINS WILL ALSO ATTEND. BARNES IS COMPETENT AND HAS LONG BEEN ACTIVE IN PEACE THROUGH LAW MOVEMENT BUT WE UNAWARE OF HIS QUALIFICATIONS IN LOW MATTERS. COLLINS IS ABLE AND WELL TRAINED IN THIS FIELD, HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM YEAR AT COLUMBIA STUDYING MARITIME LAW. HE SHOULD BE GOOD WORKING LEVEL CONTACT FOR USDEL. WE UNDERSTAND ALSO THERE MAY BE REPS FROM MINS FINANCE AND COMMERCE, AS WELL AS TWO OR THREE FROM MINFORAFFS. THESE LIKELY TO BE DAVID JUNIUS AND RUPEL MARSHALL AT WORKING LEVEL. BOTH ARE FROM LEGAL COUNSELLOR'S OFFICA AND JUNIUS HAS TITLE AS ACTING COUNSELLOR, ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT APPEAR HAVE EITHER SKILL OR AUTHORITY OF HIS PRECEDESSOR WINSTON TUBMAN, NOW IN NEW YORK WITH UN. THERE A POSSIBILITY DEPUTY MINISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS BURLEIGH HOLDER MIGHT BE CALLED FROM MANSION TO PARTICIPATE. HOLDER IS TRAINED IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND WAS WITH MINFORAFFS PRIOR ASSUMING HIS PRESENT POST. HE COMPETENT AND FAMILIAR WITH LOS MATTERS.

3. CONWAY NOTED, AND AGAIN WE CONCUR, GOL POSITION ON MOST ISSUES NOT FULLY DEVELOPED. HE FEELS HE CAN FEED INTO DELEGATION IDEAS AND SUGGEST POSITIONS WHICH WILL BE MODERATE AND IN US INTERESTS. HIS CONCERN, WHICH WE SHARE STRONGLY, IS THAT LIBERIAN-PERCEIVED INTERESTS IN OAU AND THIRD WORLD POLITICAL ISSUES WILL OVERRIDE THEIR REAL, PRAGAMATIC ECONOMIC NEEDS. CONWAY HOPES INFLUENCE GOL TAKE MODERATE STAND ON MOST ISSUES. HE BELIEVES IF ECONOMIC FACTS OF LIFE ARE MADE CLEAR, THIS CAN BE DONE. HOWEVER, BOTH HE AND WE CONTINUE BE WORRIED BY POSSIBILITY IRRATIONAL, EVEN IRRELEVANT, POLITICAL INPUTS.

4. EMBOFF HAS AGREED PROVIDE CONWAY ON INFORMAL BASIS SUCH DATA AS WE HAVE ON LIBERIAN PAST RECORD IN LOS MATTERS AND, AS WELL, MAJOR POINTS OF US POSITION AT CARACAS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT LOS OFFICER PASS US ANY MATERIAL, TELEGRAPHICALLY, WHICH THEY WOULD WANT TO HAVE PASSED INFORMALLY TO CONWAY FOR USE IN WORKING WITH LIBERIAN DELEGATION. WE BELIEVE HE WILL BE USEFUL ASSET AND URGE USDEL MAKE EARLY,
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INFORMAL CONTACT WITH HIM. ADDITIONALLY, IF LOS PERSONNEL COULD ARRANGE SEE LEININGER IN NYC, THIS MIGHT BE USEFUL.
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